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"With respect to Western press reports of imminent Four Power negotiations concerning costly Spandau Prison with its three occupants, Hess, Speer and von Schirach, there have been indications from Soviet circles in East Berlin that there no objections in principle to reducing high costs. Soviet Union nevertheless stipulates a Four Power control of the 'war criminals'. One has had all too unfortunate experiences with premature releases in Federal Republic."

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